

children and reporting cases of child molestation. According to my amendment, clinic workers who have any suspicions that a patient is being physically or sexually abused would have to follow the state's procedures for reporting those suspicions to police. This is especially critical considering that young girls are having sex with older and older men, according to an Alan Guttmacher Institute study. In fact, the study shows that half of the babies born to mothers between 15 and 17 years old were fathered by men 20 years or older. That is statutory rape, and that should be reported and prosecuted.

These are very straightforward, simple pieces of legislation that I bring before you today. They demand the answer to one question: Who is in charge of raising our children, parents or the United States Congress? I still have faith in the parents of our great country. They deserve a chance. The parents of a traumatized little girl in Crystal Lake, Illinois deserved a chance. Thank you.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN STOEPLER

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 12, 1998

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a remarkably able man dedicated to his family, his church, and his lifelong love of the profession of law. John Stoepler, professor of law, former Dean of The University of Toledo Law School, and interim President of the University, put the justice and betterment of others above all else. He died on January 19, 1998, at 66 years of age.

In his early years, John attended school in Toledo, Ohio and then his high intelligence led him to the University of Notre Dame, where he took his first degree. He never forgot his roots, though, and after serving in the army and obtaining a master's degree in law from Yale, he came back to Toledo to teach and raise his family.

His classes at the local university were the first to fill up because the students knew that John really wanted them to succeed. He greeted the challenge of teaching with energy and enthusiasm that was always evident. As former student Tom Pletz remembers, John welcomed each day of teaching with "a twinkle in his eye."

The zest that John brought to his teaching was also found in the work he did for his church as parish operations manager. His love of education and respect for people of faith were combined when he sat on the education council of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Toledo, an organization which oversees area Catholic schools.

His commitment to education did not go unnoticed; he quickly ascended through the ranks at the university's law school, becoming dean in 1983 and interim university president in 1988. He played an integral role in the expansion of the school both academically and strategically as the ground was broken for a new facility on its own corner of campus. He also became a member of the Ohio Supreme Court's commission on continuing legal education and of the national education development committee of the American Institute of Planners.

Though he dabbled in politics as an extension of his respect for the lawmaking process, his own political campaigns were not successful. He was, however, appointed to many government positions in the city, county and state, and served the community with dignity and sagacity from those posts.

Long time friend Rev. Robert Kirtland said that John thought of the ideal lawyer "as a person of integrity." That certainly describes him and earned for him the deepest respect, from a community that will never forget him.

Our thoughts are with his wife, Katherine; sons, John and Michael; daughter Charlotte; his brother and sister, Robert and Anne; and all of his grandchildren. It is our hope that they will be comforted by the prayers of a community bettered by his idealism, and a nation re-girded in its fundamental precept of justice through law.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO A FALLEN PILOT

HON. MAURICE D. HINCHEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 12, 1998

Mr. HINCHEY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to the late Lt. Col. Henry Van Winkle, U.S.M.C., who was killed last Friday, February 6, 1998.

On Friday evening Lt. Col. Van Winkle, according to the United States Marine Corps, was returning from a mission patrolling the no fly zone above Kuwait when his F-18 collided with another Marine jet. He was pronounced dead upon the USS George Washington a short time later.

Lt. Col. Van Winkle served as a member of the Marine Corps for just under twenty years. This 1974 graduate of Susquehanna Valley High School in Conklin, New York served his country with distinction. He lived as a Marine and he died serving his country.

I ask that you join me in expressing our deepest sympathies to Lt. Col. Van Winkle's widow, Cheryl, to his sons Griffen, age nine, and Grant, age three, and to his mother and brothers during this dark time. We, as citizens grateful for the service of Lt. Colonel Henry Van Winkle, U.S.M.C., join his family in mourning his passing.

RECOGNIZING THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION PUBLIC SERVANT MERIT AWARD WINNERS

HON. LOUIS STOKES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 12, 1998

Mr. STOKES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute eight outstanding individuals who will be honored later this month at a special ceremony. On February 20, 1998, the Cuyahoga County Bar Foundation and the Cuyahoga County Bar Association will host the 51st Public Servants Merit Awards Luncheon. At the luncheon, the honorees will receive the Franklin A. Polk Public Servants Merit Award. The individuals to be honored are: John A. Baird;

Janet R. Dean; Angelo Lupo; Kathleen A. Moloney; Mary Ann Murray; Charles E. Sprague; James L. Toth; and Thomas F. Washington. The Public Servants Merit Award is named in honor of a distinguished lawyer, the late Franklin A. Polk. During his career, Attorney Polk was committed to recognizing the contributions of public servants. He also chaired the annual awards luncheon for 40 years.

I take great pride in saluting the 1998 Public Servants Merit Awards recipients. Each of the individuals is more than deserving of this level of recognition. At this time, I want to share with my colleagues and the nation some information regarding the honorees.***HD***John A. Baird

John Baird was born in Cleveland and graduated from Benedictine High School and Fenn College/Cleveland State University. He has enjoyed a distinguished career with the Cleveland Municipal Court which spans 21 years. He currently serves as Chief Deputy Clerk where he is responsible for the processing and servicing of garnishments, as well as assisting attorneys and the public by providing information on post-judgment actions.

Mr. Baird has been an active participant in the Boy Scouts of America for over 50 years as a Scout Unit Leader, Commissioner, and Merit Badge Counselor. He is an active member of Our Lady of Good Counsel, devoting his time to the youth ministry, religious education, and the Holy Name Society, just to name a few. He and his wife, Sandy, are the proud parents of three children: Michael, Edward and Jennifer.***HD***Janet R. Dean

Janet R. Dean was born in Cleveland and presently resides in North Ridgeville. She joined the staff of the Cleveland Court of Common Pleas in 1977 as a judges secretary. She is currently judicial secretary for Judge James D. Sweeney, Chief Justice of the Court of Appeals. Mrs. Dean is a graduate of West Tech High School. She is also an active member at Bosworth Presbyterian Church where she sang in the adult choir for 37 years.

Mrs. Dean suffered the loss of her husband, Casper, just prior to their 43rd wedding anniversary. He would have been proud to witness the upcoming awards ceremony honoring Mrs. Dean, an outstanding court employee. In her spare time, Mrs. Dean enjoys music and working on her many photo albums. She is the mother of five children; Mark, Randy, Paul, Brad and Suzanne.***HD***Angelo R. Lupo

Mr. Speaker, when the Cuyahoga County Bar Foundation and the Cuyahoga County Bar Association hold the Public Servants Awards Luncheon, Mr. Angelo R. Lupo will be among the honorees. Mr. Lupo is a resident of Rocky River, Ohio. He was born in Chicago, Illinois, and graduated from Southern Illinois University. Prior to coming to Cleveland, he was employed with the Puerto Rican Economic Development Corporation as a VISTA volunteer.

In 1975, Mr. Lupo joined the Court of Common Pleas. Currently, he serves as Bailiff to John Burt Griffin whose duties include assisting with the management of civil and criminal documents. Mr. Lupo is single and enjoys listening to music in his spare time.***HD***Kathleen Ann Moloney

Born in Cleveland, Ms. Moloney presently resides in Westlake, Ohio. She attended St.

Williams Elementary School, and Lake Catholic High School in Mentor. Prior to taking her position at Cuyahoga County Domestic Relations Court, she worked part-time at the Giovanni's Pizza Shop. Nominated by Judge Timothy Flanagan, Ms. Moloney has been employed in the court system since 1978. Currently, she serves as Payroll Officer at Domestic Relations Court where she processes payroll and benefits for approximately 105 employees. Ms. Moloney lists playing golf and spending time with her nieces and nephews as her favorite hobbies.***HD***Mary Ann Murray

Mary Murray is employed by the Cuyahoga County Probate Court as Supervisor and Deputy Clerk. She has been employed by the court system since 1967. Her responsibilities include ensuring that journal entries are properly typed, numbered and microfilmed. She was nominated by Judge John J. Donnelly.

Mrs. Murray attended St. Casimir Notre Dame Academy and graduated from St. Francis High School. She and her husband, James Edward, are the parents of James Murray, Jr., and the proud grandparents of Jimmy, Angelina and Al. Mrs. Murray's hobbies include line dancing, horseback riding, bowling and roller skating. She also loves the outdoors and plans to live on a farm someday.***HD***Charles E. Sprague

Charles Sprague was born in Bellow Falls, Vermont. He attended Brattleboro Union High School and graduated from Allegheny College in Meadville, Pennsylvania. He also attended Cleveland Marshall College of Law, being admitted to the Ohio Bar in 1982.

During his long and distinguished career in the court system, Mr. Sprague has held a number of positions. The positions include process server, probation officer, intake officer and bailiff. Currently he serves as Magistrate, where he is responsible for the Traffic Department at Juvenile Court. He also works as an Intake Referee at the Court's detention center.

One of Mr. Sprague's most outstanding accomplishments was securing funding to start Second Helping, a county-wide food collection program which is now known as Northcoast Food Rescue. He also initiated a food program within the court, "Food for Fines," which allows juveniles to pay their offenses by donating food to area hunger centers. Mr. Sprague and his wife, Rosanna, are the proud parents of Sarah. His hobbies include serving as a Cross Country Coach and Assistant Track Coach at Regina High School.***HD***James Leonard Toth

James Toth is a lifelong resident of Cleveland, Ohio. For the past 20 years, Mr. Toth has held the position of Costs Clerk in the Criminal Division, Office of the Clerk of Courts. In addition to his cost accounting duties, he provides assistance with regard to criminal bonds and filing of pleadings. Prior to his current position, Mr. Toth was a member of the Armed Forces, where he received the Good Conduct Medal before being honorably discharged. His employment also includes Arter & Hadden as a docket clerk, and was an employee of the Clerk of Courts in the foreclosure department.

Mr. Toth and his wife, Theresa are the parents of three children; Joann, Anthony and Michael. He is active in several organizations including S.S. Peter and Paul Church, the Garfield Heights Little League, the American Legion, and the Benedictine High School Mom &

Dads Club. He also enjoys model trains and baseball.***HD***Thomas F. Washington

Born in Cleveland, Thomas Washington graduated from Benedictine High School and Ohio University. Mr. Washington is employed in the Probation Department where he supervises six officers and is responsible for the oversight and guidance of their duties. Prior to his employment with the Municipal Court, Mr. Washington served as a Probation Officer in the Juvenile Court. He has also had experience as a high school English teacher.

Mr. Washington and his wife, Lugenia, reside in Cleveland, Ohio. He is the step-father of Robert. He is a former Assistant Basketball Coach. He also participated in Catholic Big Brothers for a number of years. In his spare time, Mr. Washington, enjoys fishing and pocket billiards.

Mr. Speaker, I am especially proud to recognize the 1998 Public Servants Merit Award honorees. I join the members of the Cuyahoga County Bar Foundation and the Cuyahoga County Bar Association in congratulating each of the honorees for their commitment and dedication. It is both recognized and appreciated.

REX THATCHER: PUBLISHER,
LEADER, GENTLEMAN

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 12, 1998

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, our lives are influenced by many factors. Few equal the daily and life-long power that is provided by our newspapers. And the ability of a newspaper to sway, to promote meaningful dialogue, and to keep us informed of matters of local, national, and international significance is directly related to the individual at the helm of a ship that usually has diverse and sometimes conflicting purposes. Those of us who have been fortunate enough to read the Saginaw News have since 1990 benefitted from the skilled, impartial direction of its publisher, Rex Thatcher, who is about to retire from a stellar career of keeping the public informed.

For nearly thirty-five years, Rex Thatcher has motivated the people of Michigan, starting at the Jackson Citizen Patriot, where he was heavily involved in advertising and marketing efforts. He then came to the Bay City Times as manager in 1973, and then served as publisher from 1983 to 1990 when he became publisher of the Saginaw News.

Throughout his career, he has not just observed what was happening in the community, he directly participated in a number of memorable projects. He was a key leader in efforts to revitalize the Bay City downtown area. In Saginaw, he is a founding member of the Bridge Center for Racial Harmony. He has continued his personal interest in community development with the Saginaw Valley Economic Forum. Rex has also provided strong leadership for our young people, especially with his efforts for youths at risk.

His membership on the board of Directors of the Michigan Press Association extends his influence on journalistic standards throughout the state. His position on the selection committee of the Michigan Journalism Hall of Fame helps to ensure that responsible and

credible reporting will be recognized by his professional peers.

It has been my personal pleasure to know Rex Thatcher, and his wonderful wife of forty six years, Yvonne. The importance that Rex places on his family, including his grandchildren, is a key demonstration of an individual who not only endorses a style of life, but actually pursues it.

Rex Thatcher has been appropriately generous in his praise of the fine men and women who are part of the Saginaw News family. We all expect that his influence will continue to show in their work. Perhaps he will now have the time to pursue his love for the outdoors, especially fly fishing, and greater opportunities to let his grandchildren know just how special their grandfather is. Mr. Speaker, I urge you and all of our colleagues to join me in wishing Rex Thatcher the very best in his retirement.

CHINA AND CHARLIE TRIE'S
RECORDS

HON. GERALD B.H. SOLOMON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 12, 1998

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, I don't like being played for a sucker, and I don't like my country being played for one, either.

Well, Mr. Speaker, that's what China's been doing to us for years, taking our money and enjoying privileges that should be limited to civilized states, all the while sabotaging our economy, meddling in our politics, and arming nations that hate us.

Monday's headline in the Washington Times was the last straw, Mr. Speaker. It reads "China won't release Trie's bank records." And we all know who Charlie Trie is, don't we, Mr. Speaker? He was a bag man for the DNC/Clinton-Gore Campaign. And what better place to hide from American justice than China, which has been stiffing our investigators from the beginning. China claims that the records our investigators seek belong to the government, and that releasing them would violate Chinese law. Baloney! Since when has China ever shown such a high regard for the rule of law? China doesn't want to release those documents because they would show the extent to which they tried to influence American elections, with the likely complicity of the White House. And that, Mr. Speaker, is what really bothers me even more than the other scandals now dominating the headlines.

This, Mr. Speaker, is what we get for our multi-billion dollar generosity with China, and our willingness to grant her Most Favored Nation trading status.

I call upon China to turn those documents over to our investigators, and to do so now. This is one member who won't forget any failure to do so when MFN comes back to us for consideration next summer.

Mr. Speaker, I would urge all members to keep the Times article handy until next MFN vote, and with that in mind I place the article in today's RECORD.